

to assimilate all that this small, simply written volume encompasses will undoubtedly profit as will his patients. Particularly valuable is the list of nearly 400 well-selected references pertinent to the field and the tables which summarize important factual information of value to the clinician and scientist. While the electrolyte specialist may take exception to certain concepts presented, he will at the same time recognize the over-all contribution of this volume to the field.

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AN APPROACH TO GENERAL PRACTICE—R. J. F. H. Pinsent, M.A., M.D. (Cantab.), E. & S. Livingstone, Ltd., distributed by Williams and Wilkins Company, Baltimore, 1953. 166 pages, \$3.50.

This is an excellent book. It is well planned and makes good easy reading. It is written by a British doctor of many years' experience in the field of general practice, and is apparently intended as a guide for the young man entering general practice in Great Britain.

The advice given the new doctor concerning his relations to (a) the men already in the field, (b) his new patients, (c) his consultants, and (d) the hospital, is excellent.

The chapters on The Doctor's Office and The Doctor's Documents are worth the price of the book.

The closing chapters deal with the problems peculiar to the practice of medicine under the panel system of Great Britain.

The book is of academic interest to every G.P., but it does not in any way approach the problems of the G.P. in the United States.

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ATLAS OF REGIONAL DERMATOLOGY. Ernest K. Stratton, P.D., M.D., Research Associate, the George Williams Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, University of California, and Harry L. Arnold, Jr., M.D., Maurice J. Costell, M.D., Lewis A. Koplik, M.D., and Paul Fasal, M.D. Charles C. Thomas, publisher, Springfield, 1953. 274 pages, \$15.00.

The purpose of this atlas, as stated by the author, is primarily that of aiding the student in dermatology. The emphasis is on visual instruction and on the regional distribution of the various dermatoses. Both of these approaches are of great value to the beginner and are well covered in this volume.

The discussions of etiology, symptomatology and differential diagnosis are brief but excellent. No attempt is made to cover therapy *in extenso*; instead, a brief outline is given and the student is referred to standard texts.

Your reviewer has seen no better color photographs in any other atlas. Their great superiority over the black and white photographs (which are about on a par with those in other atlases) points out the desirability of dermatological atlases being all in color. For it is simply impossible for the student, or expert for that matter, to diagnose many dermatoses from black and white photos alone.

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HUMAN EMBRYOLOGY—2nd Edition. A textbook for medical students and physicians. Bradley M. Patten, Professor of Anatomy in the University of Michigan Medical School. The Blakiston Company, Inc., New York, 1953. 798 pages, 453 illustrations and 2 plates. \$12.00.

Since its first appearance in 1946, Patten's textbook has become a standard in the teaching of human embryology to students of both biology and medicine, in addition to serving as a reference work of considerable value to physicians.

The scope and objectives of the first edition have been preserved, the most significant changes being an extension of the sections on early implantation to include the most

recent findings of Hertig and Rock, further elaboration on the establishment of the germ layers, and the development of the heart and great vessels, emphasizing congenital anomalies which are proving ever more amenable to surgical correction.

The excellent bibliography has been brought up to date, many more illustrations have been included, and certain errors and omissions in the first edition have been remedied.

While Human Embryology, 2nd ed., remains primarily a text, it should as well be valuable to the physician as a reference book.

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PATHOLOGY—2nd Edition—Edited by W. A. D. Anderson, M.A., M.D., F.A.C.P., Professor of Pathology and Chairman of the Department of Pathology, University of Miami School of Medicine. The C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1953. 1393 pages, 1241 illustrations, 10 color plates, \$16.00.

The second edition of this authoritative textbook of pathology maintains the advantage, established in the previous edition, of being the cooperative product of many experts in special fields of pathology. This is particularly desirable in this broad subject which, in covering all kinds of disease, crosses every other branch of medicine.

The book presents a good balance between the discussion of principles in pathology and the presentation of structural and functional changes in disease. It is well arranged, nicely illustrated, and sufficiently detailed to be of use not only to undergraduate students of medicine, but also to graduate physicians in every field who are interested in pathogenesis or in the tissue changes of disease. Classified references at the end of each chapter provide a practical beginning for further reading in nearly every phase of pathology.

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DISEASES OF THE LIVER, GALLBLADDER AND BILE DUCTS—Volumes 1 and 2—3rd Edition—S. S. Lichtman, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Cornell University Medical College, Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, 1953. 1315 pages of text, 42 pages of index, 220 illustrations and 3 color plates, \$22.00.

For many years this book has been a good, detailed reference on the liver and its diseases. The third edition finds it expanded to 1315 pages and divided into two volumes.

The rapid advance of knowledge has made necessary rather extensive revision in practically every chapter. This has been well handled, and the new edition offers a comprehensive coverage of current medical knowledge of the liver and biliary tract.

It can be recommended heartily to anyone interested in the field of liver disease.

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NEUROLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD IN 1953—59 Articles by 75 Authors—In Honor of Robert Wartenberg, San Francisco—Edited by Webb Haymaker, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D. C., Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, New York, December 1952.

This book is a reprint of the number of the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* honoring Dr. Wartenberg on the 65th anniversary of his birth. The articles, many in a foreign tongue, are varied both in quality and content, ranging from biographical data regarding Dr. Wartenberg to a consideration of the historical significance of fumigation of mail from pestilential areas. Much of the material makes interesting reading for the neurologist, and the whole thing is a nice gesture of appreciation to one of the most colorful neurologists to have practiced in California.